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SHRIMPERS SUPER FAN



1,300 STRAIGHT: Phil Cox, who has seen every competitive Southend United game since Boxing Day 1989

Photo by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles and Brian Jeeves

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THE Sky Bet League Two clash between Mansfield Town and Southend United at the One Call Stadium was a special milestone for one of the 3,055 present.

Southend fanatic Phil Cox was attending his 1,300th consecutive Shrimpers match, a run that

stretches back to 1989. Match number one of the run was a 2-0 defeat to Essex rivals Colchester United on Boxing Day 1989. Since then Phil has seen every competitive match, home or away, whatever the weather.

On his 1,000th consecutive match he watched Carlisle beat his beloved Blues.

Phil, from St Anne's Road,

Southend, started supporting the team in the mid 1970s, recalling his first game was a 2-1 Third Division defeat to Crystal Palace in 1976.

Phil couldn't remember too much about the game, but recalled standing on the old Roots Hall south bank and seeing Ron Pountney score for the Shrimpers with former player Peter Taylor netting for Palace.

His support for the team has been a real labour of love for Phil as following the likes of Southend United can be emotionally taxing. But despite the clubs lack of success, Phil does have some great memories of following his team.

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Police say people giving to beggars are helping drug addicts and alcoholics

All vagrants are either 'druggies or alcoholics'

By Paul Giles

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ESSEX Police has described all vagrants in Southend as either 'druggies or alcoholics'.

The statement – released via the force's Chelmsford HQ – warned local people to stop giving handouts to beggars and homeless people in the town.

The release quoted Southend neighbourhood policing officer, Pc Martin Knight, who said: "Vagrants by choice choose to live on the streets and take drugs and drink alcohol and generally cause anti-social behaviour and crime."

"I can honestly say that members of the public who give money to beggars are giving to either drug users or alcoholics or both."

"Research shows that members of the public feel that society has let the beggars down. This is not the case, and supporting agencies provide adequate support to the homeless."

Vagrancy and homelessness in Southend continues to rise despite the work of charities in the town such as HARP and Family Mosaic. The economic downturn is believed to be behind the growing problems, although Essex Police maintains that many long term homeless people are those who choose to refuse help.

Essex Police launched Operation Zest in 2013, claiming it would tackle homelessness by 'offering help'.

The operation makes use of undercover officers. The force insisted this was to provide support 'to enable the [homeless] agencies to safely engage with the homeless people'.

Although Essex Police have claimed that its out-reach patrols are aimed 'purely to offer support to the homeless', Operation Zest has resulted in the prosecution of several individuals.

A 51-year-old man has been prosecuted on three separate occasions since being given his ASBO. He is currently serving a six-month prison sentence for breaching his ASBO.

Six people have been prosecuted for begging in a public place. The force said all six people 'failed to engage with supporting agencies'.

Essex police has said further prosecutions will be sought to discourage begging.

HARP said it had helped 1,500 people in the last six months with a variety of problems linked to poverty, although the vast majority of these are not 'vagrants'.

Homeless charities around the UK have seen a huge rise in homelessness since 2008 when the banking industry defaulted on billions of pounds worth of loans, forcing government a bail out with public cash.

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She said: "We really need more donations of clothes."

"If one person could just bring one decent item of clothing in it would make all the difference to us."

"I think part of the problem is that there have been lots of clothes banks set up where people get paid per bag of clothing."

"I can't blame people for doing that really due to the current economic climate."

"But I have never seen it this slow with clothing donations."

If you have any donations you can take them to the Mind Shop, 139 Hamlet Court Road.



STOCK APPEAL: Wendy Fatuga is appealing for clothing stock for the Mind Shop, in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff. Picture by Mark Cleveland

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BIG NIGHT: Southend Adult Community College

Celebrating awards success

STUDENTS and staff at Southend Adult Community College have been rewarded.

The Celebrating Achievements Awards were held last Tuesday, at the college in Ambleside Drive, in Southend. The ceremony saw 20 different categories of awards being handed out to people for either their learning achievements or staff skills.

Ryan Smith, 24, was awarded apprentice of the year after getting a job at LBM Fitness gym, in Eastwood. He said he would advise people to carry on with their education. "I got work experience at the gym then studied customer service level three and managed to get a job at the end of it. The college really supported me in what I was doing."

Jane Theadom, head of school support and preventative services at Southend Council, said the achievements of students proved Southend Adult Community College was a place of success.

She added: "I hope the students put their awards somewhere their friends and family can enjoy them too and be proud of them for their studies."

From front page

United and Tottenham Hotspur are among the highlights of Phil's incredible run. Nevertheless, Southend marked Phil's landmark match with a 2-1 defeat to the Stags.

He also believes Southend's strongest team was when they made it into the old Division Two in 1991.

He said: "The weather was against them last Saturday but it was still a good match to watch."

"It's a shame I would have liked them to have won obviously that would have been the best outcome."

There have been several occasions when a broken-down coach, late train or ill health has almost cost Phil his record run. However, luck seems to

Phil's 1,300 straight games

FACT BOX

- Phil's first Southend match when Colchester United beat them 2-0 on Boxing day 1989
- His 1,000th match was the Shrimpers defeated by Carlisle
- Phil's 1,300 was Mansfield versus Southend which resulted in a 2-1 defeat
- His favourite half-time drink is a cup of Bovril
- He estimates he has spent in the region of £28,000 in travel and tickets to see games

have always been on his side. The 49-year-old, estimated his 1,300 games have cost him somewhere in the region of £28,000 what with travel expenses and match tickets.

The data analyst said: "It's been worth every penny. Lots of people support the larger teams but I think it's really important to support the local teams. There's so much money in it for larger clubs so to support a smaller team is nicer and gives them a fair crack."

Southend United chairman Ron Martin congratulated Phil. He said: "There's no question that Phil's

remarkable feat should be acknowledged and is, I am sure, an achievement few football supporters throughout the country can echo.

"Southend United supporters are brilliant but this dedication has been special and long may it continue."

Ex-players Roy McDonough and Peter Daley along with Shrimpers fans were also quick to acknowledge Phil's achievement, particularly on the 'Shrimperzone' Travelzone away coach, who honoured his accomplishment with a presentation on arrival at Mansfield. Travelzone's Paul Marshall said: "We wanted to honour Phil's run of games. He's a real fan - the type that all too often football's hierarchy ignores."

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Death inquiry

DETECTIVES are investigating the death of a Southend man from head injuries.

Peter Wilmot was found unconscious in the Broad Walk area of Hockley shortly before 7am on Saturday, February 1, by a passer-by and taken to Southend University Hospital by paramedics. He was later transferred to Romford's Queen's Hospital, where he died on February 3.

A provisional post-mortem examination result showed the 41-year-old from Colbert Avenue died from head injuries.

● Warehouseman Glen Cooper was arrested on February 1 in Westcliff and later charged with one count of causing grievous bodily harm. The 36-year-old from Broad Walk, in Hockley, has been remanded in custody prior to his court appearance at Basildon Crown Court in May.

Drink-drive jail

A MAN was sentenced to nine months in prison for dangerous driving in which a baby girl suffered serious injuries.

Gendrihs Kuplous-Oginskis, 44, of Central Avenue, Southend, was driving a bread lorry on the B1024 at Earls Colne on September 6, 2012, when he collided with a Vauxhall Zafira.

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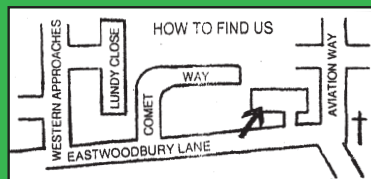
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Jo Overfield, who has recently took over Elsie's Cafe, in Leigh Community Centre, said she was raising money for the charity by holding the Ramp up the Red events as it was close to her heart.

She said: "It is important to me as I have lost people close to me either through a heart attack or heart problem young and old."

"We would like to do some more charity donating through the year and the donation box will be out for BHF the next week."

RAMP UP THE RED: Jeni Klein who has been helping Jo Overfield sell cakes for British Heart Foundation.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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Joy as minister backs academy plan which could keep school open

By Pat Higgins

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DEANES School may have been saved after the Government stepped in.

It was the news staff, pupils and parents had wanted to hear but hardly dared hope for – support from Whitehall to become an academy and thwart Essex County Council's closure plans.

The Thundersley school has nearly won its battle to stay open, after getting the blessing of schools minister Lord Nash.

Headteacher Jan Atkins told delighted staff and pupils on Friday: "I heard late last night that Lord Nash is happy to support our application to be part of a Multi-Academy Trust with our long-standing partner, The Billericay School."

Castle Point MP Rebecca Harris, who has fought hard to save the Dawes Heath Road school, was there on Friday to hear the good news. She said: "This is fantastic news. Essex County Council was wrong to try and close The Deanes and I am pleased that the Department for Education seems to believe that The Deanes could be a viable school, even if the county council continue to disagree."

Lord Nash, Under Secretary of State for Schools, had said he would be happy to back the school's aim to become an academy. A Department of Education statement said "Having looked at the details of the school's viability presented by Rebecca Harris and the management of The Deanes, I am very pleased to say that the minister has agreed to consider a formal Multi-Academy Trust application from The Deanes and Billericay Schools."

Ms Atkins added: "We have worked closely with The Billericay School for a number of years and we are already a key partner within the Billericay Teaching Alliance. Our application to join the

HOPE: Deanes pupils delighted their school may be saved. Inset, head Jan Atkins, left, and Rebecca Harris MP
Picture by MARK CLEVELAND



Billericay Academy Trust will allow us to form closer links for the benefit of children and staff at The Deanes, and for our wider community."

Deputy head Desi McKeown said: "It is full steam ahead with our formal application to make sure this happens. We want to secure academy status in time for the new school year in September. Meanwhile there are lot of happy and relieved people here. Once Deanes School becomes an academy it will be completely free of county council control."

Lifeline plan for Deanes

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Fire put out

FIRE crews were called to Sherwood Way, Southend, on Thursday (February 6).

They had to use breathing apparatus and one hose to put the fire out by 7.45pm. A thermal image camera was also used to check for hotspots.

Murder mystery

CHILDREN can look for hidden pieces of evidence to solve the murder of Camille Holland.

Based on a real murder in Clavering, Essex, in 1903, the mystery takes place on Saturday (February 15) at Essex Police Museum, Chelmsford from 10am to 4pm. There is a prize for the correct answer. Call Becky Wash on 01245 457150.

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ART: Andrew Hall Picture by Mark Cleveland

Students' art on display

STUDENTS at Studio Eleven in Westcliff have been celebrating their work with an exhibition. Gallery owner Andrew Hall said the exhibition was a selection of 64 pieces of 'his students' work based in Station Road, Westcliff. He said: "All the work has come from workshops that I hold for my students. "It is really good to see the work up on the walls and see how my students have evolved."

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Men treated for stab wounds

FOUR men suffered stab wounds and needed hospital treatment.

Detectives believe a disturbance may have happened in the London Road area of Southend around 1.30am, on Saturday, February 8, near to Sainsbury's.

The four men were arrested and two were taken to Southend police station for questioning.

They are an 18-year-old man from South Woodham Ferrers and a 21-year-old man from south London.

They were arrested on suspicion of violent disorder.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Victorian police

VISITORS to the Essex Police Museum can become a Victorian police officer in Chelmsford, on Wednesday February 19.

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Students involved in volunteering challenge

STUDENTS are helping to meet the growing demand for hospice care for seriously ill children and adults.

There are currently 970 volunteers at Havens Hospices, who saved the charity £2.6 million in 2013.

Temitayo Oyeniyi, 16, from Leigh, joined Havens Hospices' Young Ambassador Project for 16-18 year olds in July 2013. He is currently studying for his A Levels at Southend High School for Boys and is hoping to one day become a doctor.

Volunteering as a kitchen assistant on the in patient unit at Fair Havens Hospice, Temitayo helps to deliver evening meals to seriously ill patients.

Temitayo said: "I was a little apprehensive about volunteering as I wasn't sure what to expect at Fair Havens. I thought it may be very serious all the time but it's actually one of the happiest places I've ever been to."

During his shift, Temitayo speaks to patients to find out what they'd like for dinner, helps to prepare the dinner trays and takes meals to patients before helping with washing up in the kitchen.

Temitayo said, "I love talking to patients, I think just talking for a while can help to make their day a little brighter and that's definitely the most rewarding thing I've found about volunteering here."

"I've always wanted to become a doctor but wasn't sure how well I'd be able to relate to



VOLUNTEER: Temitayo Oyeniyi

patients. Here, I've learnt how to relate to them sensitively and really listen to individuals to meet their needs to make their lives a little easier.

"I think it's the most wonderful experience you can have at this age."

Applications for the next Young Ambassador Project open in September. For further information relating to this or currently available opportunities, contact Volunteer Services on 01702 426240 or call www.havenshospices.org.uk.

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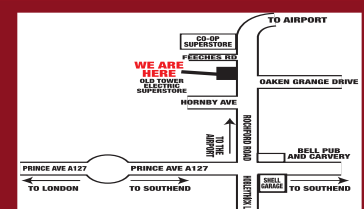
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Prowler caught in the act starts taking pictures

By Paul Giles

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A MAN who tried to break into a flat started taking photos through the window when he was disturbed.

The attempted break-in took place on the Woodgrange Estate, Southend. The man tried to get in a ground floor flat at Mirror Steps, off Kursaal Way, via the balcony, at about 6.30pm on Saturday, January 25, but was disturbed by the householder.

Investigating officer PC Michael Papaicovou explained that the victim heard the suspect trying to get into the flat. The officer said: "He then saw him take two photographs of the inside of the flat through the balcony window. The victim challenged the suspect who then made off. Luckily, in this case, no entry was gained and no damage was caused."

"But I really need people to take a close look at this e-fit and contact police if they recognise the man, to help us prevent any further attempts to burgle homes."

The suspect is a white man, about 5ft 9in tall, aged in his late 30s to early 40s, and of medium build. He was clean-



**SUSPECT: Do you
recognise this man?**

shaven, with short dark hair, shorter at the sides than the top. He was wearing a dark green jacket and dark blue denim jeans, black trainers with a white stripe.

Anyone with information is urged to contact PC Papaicovou on 101. Alternatively, call independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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£70,000 fraudster spared jail

A FRAUDSTER who lied to get almost £70,000 in benefits will not go to jail.

Suzanne Rolliison, 47, of Hornby Avenue, Westcliff, admitted three charges of fraud relating to income

support, housing benefit, council tax benefit and tax credit fraud. She was given a 22-week suspended prison sentence by Basildon Crown Court on January 28.

The court heard how

Rolliison failed to disclose she had been living with her partner for six years or that he received an income.

Rolliison indicated she was living alone, from December 2007 to March 2013, while

claiming income support from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), housing and council tax benefit from Southend Council and tax credits from HM Revenue and Customs.

A joint investigation confirmed she fraudulently obtained £21,819.85 in housing benefit, £3,377.69 in council tax benefit,

£33,930.93 in tax credits and £10,490.66 in income support totalling £69,619.13. Rolliison was ordered to spend 25 days in education and training.

Southend councillor for corporate services Andrew Moring said offenders will often find penalties can be much worse than simply repaying illegally-obtained benefits.

Woman covered up the fact she lived with a partner earning cash

Benefit claimant's husband ran barber shop, court told

A BARBER'S wife failed to mention her husband's business so her family could get housed, a court heard.

Rabia Cicekdagli, 36, was evicted with her two children and husband from Longbow, Sherwood Way, Southend, after the fraud was discovered.

Cicekdagli, now of West Road, Southend, admitted dishonestly failing to disclose information to Southend council and dishonestly making a false representation.

She was sentenced to a 150-hour community order and must pay costs of £258.11 and a victim surcharge of £60, as well having to pay back £5,501.48 of wrongly received housing and council tax benefit.

Southend Magistrates Court was told on January 28 that in April 2012, Cicekdagli was awarded a property and an introductory tenancy with South Essex Homes. She started receiving housing and council tax benefit.

She had told a housing officer she, her husband and two children would shortly be homeless and their only income was her husband's part-time job at a local cafe. But investigations later revealed that Mr Cicekdagli was also running a barber's shop in Shoeburyness.

South Essex Homes concluded that had they been aware of Mr Cicekdagli's business, his wife would not have been successful in her application. She was issued with a possession order for the property because she had failed to declare her true circumstances and benefits officers then discovered that £5,501.48 had been overpaid.

Southend councillor for corporate services, Andrew Moring, said: "As this case shows, we will take action against people who withhold information or do not tell the truth. It is an offence to lie about your circumstances."

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Opinion and readers' letters

Car smoking ban is a good idea

I AGREE with Labour's proposed plan on banning smoking in cars that have children as passengers.

Nick Clegg is wrong to not give his support to this proposal. A reason given by the Lib-Dem leader for his opposition to the plan to protect children from cigarette smoke in this way is that he considers this law will be difficult to enforce. There is no doubt many English laws are difficult to enforce, but it still makes sense to have them, because they can act as a deterrent.

Labour's proposed ban will help to protect children from the dangers of passive smoking, and even if this does not result in many prosecutions, it will make many smokers think twice before lighting up in a car that has children in it.

Surely, this proposed new law is a good thing, and should be supported by all?

**Mike Royston
Westcliff**

Independence a Tory dream?

IT DOES make you wonder why Cameron is pushing so hard for Scotland to stay a part

of the United Kingdom.

If Scotland goes independent, it will mean the Conservatives will have a much better chance of winning general elections as only one seat in Scotland is held by a Tory.

I doubt he will be too sad if voters in Scotland choose to say goodbye.

**M Harris
Rainham**

Last chance to have your say

YOU have probably received your consultation pack from Castle Point Council for completion.

I believe that the council is trying to rush these plans through ASAP and prior to the council and European elections in May. It is possible that this plan has been the aim from the outset. It really does help to safeguard central conservative held wards where the 'nimby' attitude is paramount. How could it have been produced so quickly after the resounding 'no' vote on October 1 to the Jotmans farm 265 house proposed development?

No doubt you understand the full implications of this new proposal?

Thousands more people and cars, insufficient schools, surgeries and no additional infrastructure to support all of this. Surely, all infrastructure must

be in situ prior to pressing any green buttons to proceed. The borough already has enough congestion issues, population levels, flood defences and it seems that there is plenty of houses on the market to purchase.

Please have your say by returning your form and be wary of the wording of the questions. If you agree please add a letter of objection even if you have previously sent one.

This is your last chance to make a stand against all of this because if no objections are forthcoming then the council will just vote it through.

Finally, it was interesting to observe that no resident advice session will be held in South Benfleet - I wonder why?

**T J Smith
Benfleet**

Council has taken the soft option

THE inconsistency, the disingenuity and complete incompetence of the Tory Castle Point Council has just come to a head with their latest proposals for a local plan.

First, they turn down proposals for building 165 houses at Glebelands, then they turn down proposals for 265 houses on Jotman's Farm. After which they fight and spend taxpayers' money on defending an appeal for the proposed Glebelands

development. Next they set aside £1.3 million reserves to fight off any further incursions on the green belt. While doing and saying this, they are simultaneously and clandestinely putting together a draft local plan which surrenders even more green belt and what's more, includes these same locations previously rejected. How joined up is that sort of thinking?

The reality is we have a lazy council which has decided to take the soft option. It is easy to get a single farmer's consent to dispose of farmland to developers. Only one person involved and lot of money to be made.

The reality is that had the council the will to persevere with the option of using the land in north west of the borough, we could have had a relocated modern business park, instead of the run down and worn out present Manor Trading estate. The ex-trading estate land could then have been used for housing along with the rest of the already part developed land in that corner of the borough. This probably could cater for the rest of the borough's housing needs.

Had the council persevered with the land in vicinity of the A130 and A127 boundary, it could have prevented farm land

being destroyed forever. It could have removed the need for any more significant building on the Canvey Island flood plain as well as providing a good clean environment in which residents could work.

Ok, I hear them say, what about the fact that there are umpteen joint owners of that land. I am sure that most, if not all, would concede if the price was right. But no, that would require a lot of effort on the council's part whereas it is easier where only one owner is involved.

Then there is the question of access. They say that the highways authority won't permit direct access to major roads. Not so. There are solutions that could be engineered, as exemplified by the council's proposed method of access and egress to Jotman's Farm onto the A130 (a major road).

There is a great need for low cost housing in the borough but if recent past history continues, the developers will get away with only building a minimal numbers of low cost social housing.

All in all, the council's latest exercise is a display of complete incompetence.

**Brian Wilson
Benfleet**

Charity begins at home

VAST swathes of the country is flooded and people's homes and farms have been destroyed.

There has also been talk of unsafe roads being closed through pot holes and lack of maintenance due to the shortage of funds.

Most of Holland lays below sea level as does the Fens yet they have coped well with this adverse weather. It all comes back to funding being cut for every thing by this government. We all appreciate there is a debt problem, but Cameron can still find 12 billion pounds annually for overseas aid.

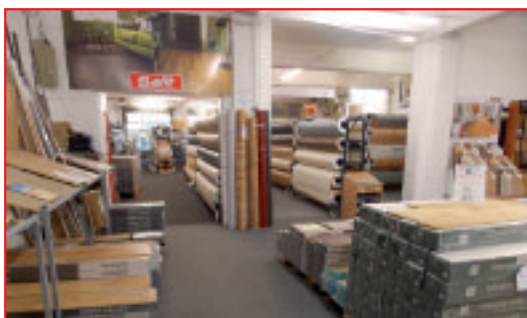
This is where the axe should fall, stopping it completely until the UK debt is cleared and Britain's needs taken care of, has he never heard the saying "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME"?

Maybe it's time this government was held to account before the next election.

**Derrick Martin
Hornchurch**

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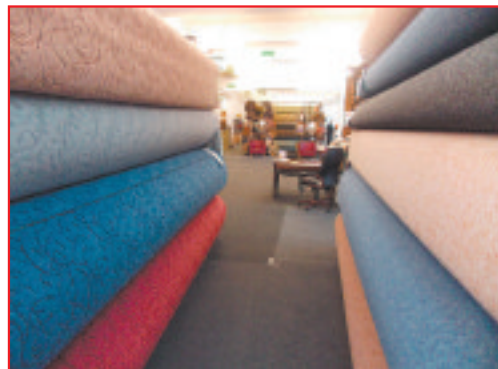
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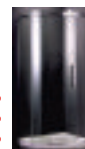
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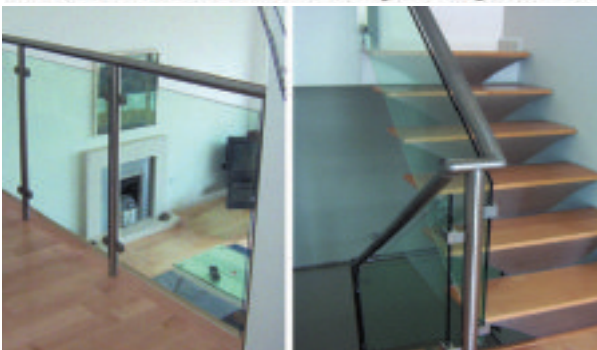
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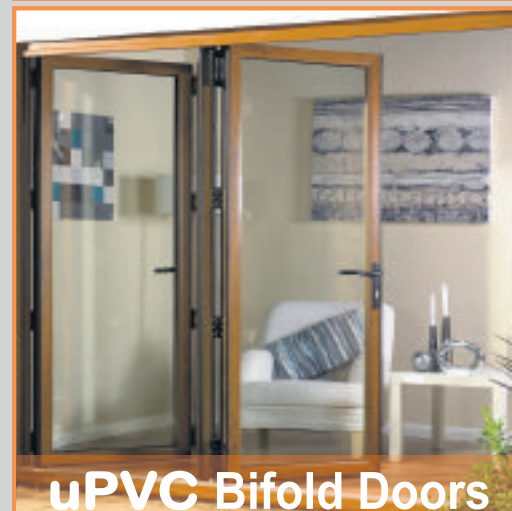
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Paul Metcalfe as Rod Stewart

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Top Rod Stewart tribute performer, Paul Metcalfe, will be providing the entertainment at the theatre on February 14,

along with his talented band of musicians, who have performed with the likes of George Michael, Shirley Bassey, The Spice Girls and Manic Street Preachers.

Paul and the band will perform live classics including 'Baby Jane' and 'You Wear It Well' alongside a few romantic numbers such as 'You're In My Heart', 'Sailing' and 'Tonight's The Night', making it perfect for Valentine's Day.

Paul, who says the show attracts a lot of couples and this is a chance for them to relive the soundtrack of their youth, added: "These people might have met listening to Rod or have listened to his music throughout their time together, so I thought it would be a nice touch to have a gig on Valentine's Day."

Paul and the band's reputation for belting out Rod's tunes with flawless vocals has taken the group all over the world, with a return trip to Malaysia coming up this year.

Paul said: "We were flown to play the Kuala Lumpur Hilton last year and they enjoyed it so much they have invited us back. They have a real Scottish themed night and they even have Malaysians playing bagpipes."

Paul added: "The best thing about this job is when the audience sing back at you on stage. I just love it."

The evening of passion, swaggering

showmanship and audience participation will not only be a night to remember, but it will also be raising money for the renovation of the Romford War Memorial.

Tickets, priced at £15, are available from Brookside Theatre Box Office by calling 01708 755775 or online at: www.brookside-theatre.com

The creative team behind the restoration of the Romford War Memorial and the Brookside Theatre - Romford's first ever theatre - are also about to relaunch the Romford Operatic and Dramatic Society, which was last seen performing more than 60 years ago.

The Romford Civic Defence Dramatic and Operatic Society took to the stage for the first time in 1941, with a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Mikado'.

The group, which aimed to bring people together during the Second World War and boost morale, changed its name to the Romford & District Operatic and Dramatic Society in 1949 but closed in 1953 - the same year as the official opening of Romford War Memorial Social Club.

Now, 60 years on and the Romford Operatic & Dramatic Society is back and will celebrate the historic occasion this June when it stages a production of the hit musical, Hairspray.

This will then be followed by their performance of the Broadway musical, The Addams Family, scheduled for October. A theatre representative said: "We are incredibly excited to be bringing the society back to life after so many years."

"Our vision for the new society is to bring the best of local talent together and on to the Romford stage as well as build community spirit."

"Romford had always had a strong tradition of amateur dramatic productions and theatre groups, a custom we very much hope to revive."

"As well as local performers, we would also love to hear from any former member of the society or their families and would be delighted to see any programmes or photographs from previous

productions. We would be thrilled to see former players perhaps attend a show, it would truly add some gravitas to the proceedings."

The Romford Operatic & Dramatic Society, which will be based at Brookside Theatre, in Eastern Road, is now looking for talented local performers aged 16 and over including singers, dancers and actors, as well as those who may like to help behind the scenes.

Auditions for Hairspray will be held at the theatre on Tuesday and Thursday, March 11 and 13, at 7.30pm, and anyone interested can email: info@romfordoperatic.com or call the theatre on 01708 755775. For further information about the society visit www.romfordoperatic.com

● "Stride On" 2014 is coming to Thameside Theatre, Grays, from March 5-8, showcasing the talents of Scouts and Guides from across the borough.

They have been rehearsing every Sunday since October to put together their traditional annual Stride On Gang Show, which they first staged in 1968.

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Cinema



Joaquin Phoenix stars in Spike Jonze's Her

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Her stylist to the stars

Her (15, 126 mins)

WRITER-DIRECTOR Spike Jonze is a man of fascinating contradictions.

On one hand, he is a co-creator of the Jackass TV series and films, which revel in bad taste humour.

On the other, he is the Oscar-nominated visionary responsible for the films Being John Malkovich, Adaptation and Where The Wild Things Are, which refuse to pander to the whims and expectations of the masses.

If common sense and justice prevail, Jonze should finally get the Academy Award statuette he richly deserves for his script to this haunting and heart-breaking romance.

Her takes our fascination with technology as a means to forge personal relationships to the next level, imagining a love story between a man and his home computer's voice-activated operating system.

Jonze elicits a tour-de-force central turn from Joaquin Phoenix as his unexpectedly love-struck protagonist and a sexy vocal

performance from Scarlett Johansson as the rapidly evolving artificial intelligence, who begins to question her limitations.

"Are these feelings real or are they just programming?" she wonders aloud.

Phoenix plays Theodore Twombly, a shy, introverted man who has been emotionally scarred by the impending divorce from his sweetheart (Rooney Mara).

Theodore channels his hopelessly romantic soul into his work at beautiful-handwrittenletters.com, which creates heartfelt love letters for customers, who struggle to find the right words.

On the way home one day, he hears about new technology that claims to be "not just an operating system - it's a consciousness".

Intrigued, Theodore signs up and he creates an OS with a female identity; Samantha (voiced by Johansson) is born.

At first, she takes care of his day-to-day tasks but gradually, Samantha coaxes Theodore out of his shell and encourages him to rake over the coals of his failed marriage.

"I think I hid myself from her, left her alone in the relationship," he laments.

Intimacy between Theodore and Samantha leads to phone sex.

"Last night was amazing," coos Samantha. "It feels like something has changed in me... You woke me up."

It also wakes up Theodore, who surfs the crashing waves of first love again, while trying to keep secret the identity of his new lover from friends including Amy (Amy Adams).

Her is the perfect Valentine's Day companion.

Jonze wears his heart on his sleeve from the beguiling opening frames and treats his central pairing across the real and digital realms with tenderness.

Phoenix is extraordinary, performing in close-up without any other human presence for long periods.

Aching emotions are captured in every wrinkle and contour of his face, and he visibly lights up as the romance with Samantha becomes swoonfully serious.

Johansson is equally terrific and their on-screen chemistry makes our hard drives whirr with unabashed pleasure.

It may only be February, but it's hard to imagine another film this year seducing my heart so completely as Her.

Released: February 14

FILM FACTS

Drama/Comedy/Romance. Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams, Olivia Wilde, Rooney Mara, Chris Pratt, Portia Doubleday and the voice of Scarlett Johansson.

Director: Spike Jonze.

:: Swearing :: Sex :: Violence :: Rating: 10/10

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Saturday, February 15

- Valentine's Day Social Ballroom Dance, at the Runnymede Hall, A13, Kiln Road, SS7 1TF. Come and join us for an enjoyable and friendly evening of ballroom and latin dance. All abilities welcome, bar, large car park, good music. 7.45-11.15pm. 07748 707122.
- Coffee morning with bacon baps! Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10.30am-12.30pm, stalls: cake, book, card, craft, bric-a-brac.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, February 16

- Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 512819.

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- The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am till 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
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- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
- King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you know it. 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, February 17

- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's, Craft, 10am-12pm, Crocheting/Quilting 1-3pm, Art, 12.30-2.30pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
- Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.

- Over 50's session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of equipment, details 01268 779100.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Verron on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Club 60, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/cons, 4 mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Frory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm,

- make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

Tuesday, February 18

- Alzheimer's Society, Dementia Cafe, for people living with Dementia, their carers & professionals, 2-4pm. Shoebury Baptist Church Hall, Thorpedene Gardens SS3 9JD 01702 346156.
- Alzheimer's Society, men's motivational group, for men living with dementia, British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff SS0 9NG, 2-4PM 01702 345156.
- Tea Dance, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Dr, Westcliff, 1.45pm, Ballroom, Sequence and Latin. 07767 406194, all welcome.
- Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Social Dance, 1.45pm at Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, Sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 07767 406194.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
- Folk Music, The Hov at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
- Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.
- Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.
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■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
■ Line Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday and Thursday, details 01268 465854.
■ Chess, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.
■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

Wednesday, February 19

■ Alzheimer's Society, Memory group for people living with dementia and their families, 2-4pm, Crowstone Christian Centre, Crowstone Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LH. 01702 345156.
■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, 'The Chichester' Wickford. Paul Wood, Bruce Adams, Brian Dee, Len Skeat & John Withers. 8-10.30pm, £10 on door. Meals and lite bites from 6.30pm. 07850 607075.
■ Southend Anglo Italian Circle 8pm, An illustrated lecture on 'Italian Jobs'. Leigh Centre, Elm Road, SS9 1SP. £4 01702 712177. www.italiancircle.co.uk
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond

Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's, Beading, 10am-12pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.
■ Barn Dance, Grand Cellidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Tyros, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.
■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.
■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honoria 01268 574390 for further details.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk
■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.
■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.
■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.
■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.
■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

Thursday, February 20

■ Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 8NB. Monthly jazz night, 3rd Thursday of every month. An evening of swing with Carol Braithwaite and Jazz Crew. 8-10.30 Entry £5, 01702 483900.
■ Alzheimer's Society, Pear group for carers, 2-4pm, The Stables, Leigh Road Baptist Church, SS9 1NN. 01702 345156.
■ Alzheimer's Society, ladies group. For ladies living with dementia, 1-3pm, St Edmund's Community Centre, St Edmund's Close, SS2 4AS. 01702 345156.
■ Park View Chalkwell Park, Westcliff, SS0 8NB. 3rd Thursday of each month, an evening of swinging, relaxing music with Carol Braithwaite. 8-10.30pm, entry £5.
■ Eastwood Evening Ladies Club, meets at the Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.45pm. Interesting Speakers. Call Barbara 01702 529216.
■ Ladies Good Companions Club, held on 3rd Thursday of the month at Belle Vue Baptist Church Hall, Off Southchurch Road, opposite Tesco Express. 2-4pm, Varios speakers. Yvonne 01702 461055.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Crafts 10am-12pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Music, The Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, 'Chris Standing', admission £15 on door, students £7 with valid photo card, doors open 8pm, music from 8.30-11pm.
■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.
■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.
■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.
■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

Friday, February 21

■ Scottish Country Dancing is about fun, fitness and friendship. Drop in and try it, first 2 evenings FREE. St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff, 7.30pm. No need to bring a partner, all you need is soft shoes. It's not sword/highland dancing but jigs, reels and satspreys.
■ Alzheimer's Society, Singing or the Brain, 10am-12pm, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastwood Road North, SS9 4BX. 01702 345156.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's, Crafts 10am-12pm, £2 01268 465854.
■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.
■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
■ Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.
■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.
■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.
■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.
■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.
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The family run restaurant prides itself on offering diners so much more than just traditional fish and chips, as there are a splendid range of other treats for customers to choose from.

Its extensive menu includes all the traditional favourites such as cod, rock eel, haddock and plaice - with a value-for-money offer of going large for just an extra pound - as well as cod strips, scampi, cod roe and fish cake, and skate on Fridays and Saturdays when available.

Its traditional sausage selection including savoloy and battered sausages are complimented by veggie and mild chilli options, while its range of pies has something for everyone with a selection of steak and kidney, chicken and mushroom, all steak, beef and onion, chicken balti, and cheese, potato and onion.

Other extras include spicy veggie cake, half a spit roast chicken, full rack of ribs, a variety of sides including mushy peas, beans, curry sauce,



gravy, coleslaw, and home made onion rings. A wide variety of beverages include milkshakes, lattes and cappuccinos, and Rossi ice cream deserts.

Its whole menu is outstanding value-for-money, no much more so than its variety of Eat-In Meal Deals including medium cod, chips and drink for £6.99, premium pie, chips and drink for £5.99, and a quarter spit roast or half rack of barbecue ribs

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Diners enjoy new menus and a brand new look at The Lodge

DINERS at The Lodge Country Inn are enjoying new menus alongside a fresh new environment thanks to a major refurbishment.

The friendly, family run business situated in the heart of Essex has been given a new look including new decor, carpets, tables and chairs, following extensive work in November.

With a large marquee, a Glass House restaurant serving a tasteful a la carte menu, an affordable bar menu packed with more than 100 different meals, comfortable hotel rooms and a traditional bar area, the venue really does have a little something for everyone.

Its fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks menu, comprising of a wide array of wines served by the glass, real ales, bottled and draught beers, while its large 120-seater restaurant boasts an appetising range of dishes to suit all tastes and requirements including a two-course special for £10.95 and three-courses for £12.95.

The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in its stylish conservatory offering you a spacious comfortable environment to try their five star food and enjoy a wide selection on wine served by the glass. The conservatory can be booked for special occasions and set menus can be arranged to suit a range of budgets.



The venue also boasts a large garden with an extensive seating area, bouncy castles and a children's play area.

If you want to keep the children amused whilst going out and visiting family and friends for an enjoyable meal or drink this spring and summer, then look no further than The Lodge.

Its stylish marquee, situated within idyllic country surroundings, is the perfect place for a range of special occasion for 60-200 guests, complete with a late licence until midnight. What's more, as it can now hold civil ceremonies it is the perfect place for your big day so why not call for further information.

A delicious buffet can be supplied,

as well as The Lodge's very own DJ, friendly waitresses and bar staff, and experienced Wedding Planners are on hand to guide and help you arrange the wedding you have always dreamed of right down to your individual budget.

Special events are celebrated at The Lodge throughout the year, with the help of delicious set menus so you and your loved ones can enjoy your day in a traditional and relaxed atmosphere.

Tribute Nights, Family Fun Days and other events will also be coming up throughout the year so keep an eye out on its website so you don't miss out on all the fun. These include Valentine's Day when they will be serving a special menu

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including a welcome glass of Prosecco for just £39 per couple, and Mother's Day when they will be serving a three-course meal followed by coffee and mints for just £15.95 for adults, and £6.95 for two-courses for children or £8.95 for three-course for children.

Psychic to the stars, Ronnie Buckingham, will also be hosting a Psychic Night at The Lodge on Wednesday, June 25.

Booking is essential for the evening, which costs £19.95 per person and includes a bar meal.

This is all on top of great weekly family entertainment, from Karaoke nights on Sunday to Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday. Live bands also provide the entertainment on the last Friday of every month with free admission and there is a trivia/music quiz night every alternate Wednesday, so join The Lodge for the best in live entertainment.

Scooby will be the featured band on Friday, February 28, and Beagles on Friday, March 28, while The Lodge's next Trivia Quiz Night will be held on February 19 and its next Music Quiz Night will be held on February 26. There is definitely something for everyone to enjoy at The Lodge so find out more by calling friendly and helpful staff on 01245 320060 or visiting www.lodge-inn.net

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Set in the heart of the town in Leigh Road, The Palm Tree offers a wide range of delicious and healthy Mediterranean dishes, as well as a wonderful choice of seafood and an exquisite wine and champagne list.

Samet said: "Our interior is relaxed, with tiles and pictures depicting great races of the past, and the mood is luxurious but not too overwhelming."

"Everyone feels like they belong here at The Palm Tree restaurant."

Starters include Scottish smoked salmon, traditional salt beef, avocado salad, Turkish stuffed pepper, Mediterranean king prawns and delicious home made soup.

Its a la carte menu include a range of main courses from Wild Venison Steak, Pork Belly Roulade, and Breast of Chicken and Mozzarella, to Fillet of Beef Stroganoff, Grilled Fillet of Steak and Traditional Moussaka.



Alongside these there are a range of Charcoal Specials to enjoy including Lamb and Chicken Karisik Sheesh, and Kuzu Sheesh - cubes of middle neck of lamb marinated with herbs and grilled on skewers - as well as a Fish Menu that has everything from traditional Spanish Paella to fillet of salmon, whole lemon sole, sea bass and swordfish.

For those looking for something different there are a range of Chef Specials including Seafood Linguine served with white wine

and tomato sauce, Risotto Chorizo cooked with garlic, red peppers and tomato, and The Palm Special Risotto.

A special treat for diners can be found at The Palm Tree's Oyster Bar, where fresh and locally sourced produce has been carefully selected to delight your senses, while those looking for something different can enjoy a pianist entertainment every Sunday lunchtime.

As well as its fantastic and vast menu, the restaurant also offers a range of deals including a two-

course set menu for £9.95 from Monday to Saturday lunch, or £11.95 from Sunday to Thursday evening including Sunday lunch which offers a choice of starters and a delicious variety of main courses for just £11.95 per person - with the added option of Roast Rump of Beef on Sunday.

The restaurant is also family friendly as they offer a special Children's Menu both at lunchtime and for early dinners.

A number of themed nights are planned at the restaurant this year and anyone interested is urged to call for further details. Special events also include a three-course Valentine's Day Menu for £29.95 including a rose for the special lady in your life, and a special three-course Mother's Day menu for £24.95.

The restaurant also welcomes parties for which they can offer a three-course menu for just £19.95 from Sunday to Thursday, and for £22.95 on Friday and Saturday.

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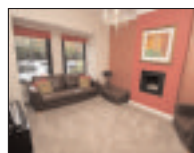
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Westcliff On Sea £825 pcm



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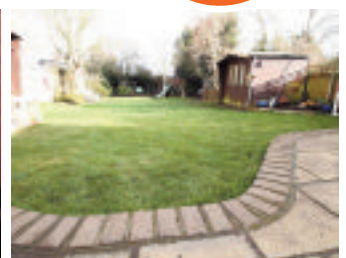
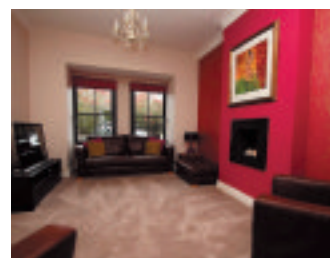
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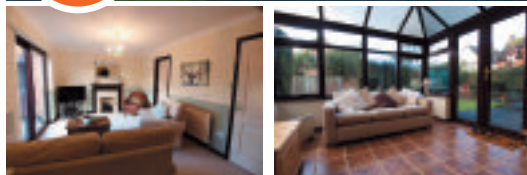
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HADLEIGH

£235,000



Lovely Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home \ Spacious And Well Presented Accommodation \ Lounge 17'11 x 10'2 \ Modern Kitchen/Living Area 30'4 x 15'9 \ Bedroom One 11' x 9'10 \ Bedroom Two 11'11 x 9'10 \ Bedroom Three 7'4 x 5'6 \ Family Bathroom Suite \ Large Rear Garden In Excess Of 70ft \ Popular Location \ Close To Hadleigh Town Centre \ Off Street Parking \ Double Glazed Throughout \ Sole Agents \ Viewings Essential \ Epc Band - D \ Call 01702 555888

Benfleet

£950 pcm



Immaculate two bedroom cottage situated within a minutes walk of Benfleet train station \ Fully Kitchen 11'8 x 7'4 \ Integrated Dishwasher, Fridge Freezer, Washing Machine, Tumble Dryer, Electric Oven & Hob \ Dining Area 11'11 x 7'0 \ Downstairs WC \ White Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Shower Above Bath \ Bedroom One 14'3 x 14'10 \ Bedroom Two 9'4 x 8'3 \ Courtyard Style Rear Garden \ Parking \ Call 01702 555888 \ Fees Apply

Benfleet

£875 pcm



Recently refurbished two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a quiet location \ Modern Fitted Kitchen 9'2 x 7'4 \ With Oven & Gas Hob \ Lounge/ Dining Area 19'9 x 13'7 \ Luxury White Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Shower Above Bath \ Bedroom One 13'9 x 11'2 \ Bedroom Two 10'1 x 8'11 \ Courtyard Style Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Available Beg April 2014 \ Call 01702 555888 \ Fees Apply

Benfleet

£750 pcm



Two bedroom first floor flat, offering spacious accommodation, situated within close proximity to local shopping facilities and the A13/A127 main road links \ Lounge 16'2 x 11'4 \ with juliet balcony \ Modern Fitted Kitchen 9'11 x 5'10 \ With Built In Electric Oven & Four Ring Hob \ Bedroom One 18'0 x 10'2 \ Bedroom Two 10'0 x 7'2 \ Luxury Four Piece Bathroom Suite \ Communal Garden \ Easy Access Of Local Shops \ Short Distance Of The A13/ A127 Trunk Roads \ Off Street Parking \ Call 01702 555888 \ Fees Apply

HADLEIGH

£675 pcm



Two bedroom deceptively spacious second floor flat being literally on Hadleigh High Street with its shopping and eating facilities \ Lounge 17'1 x 14'1 x 11'10 \ Kitchen/Diner 14'5 x 8'1 \ Bedroom One 14'4 x 11'8 \ Bedroom Two 11'8 x 8'6 \ Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ Double Glazed Throughout \ Call 01702 555888 \ Fees Apply

Westcliff on Sea

£425 pcm



One bedroom first floor studio apartment situated within a convenient location within walking distance to Chalkwell station & Leigh Broadwa \ Modern Fitted Kitchen to include electric oven & hob, Open Plan Lounge 14'11 x 13'7 \ Luxury Three Piece Bathroom Suite 8'4 x 6'11 \ Communal Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Excellent Location \ Call 01702 555888 \ Fees Apply

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Three bedroom bungalow, Westcliff £259,995

Internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate this exceptional three bedroom bungalow situated on the sought after Somerset Estate, Garage with impressive block paved and shingle driveway and parking area, cloaks/w.c., luxury bathroom, Lounge with doors leading out to lovely conservatory, 10'9 x 9'1 extensively fitted kitchen, attractive gardens, highly recommended. Ref etl 5193



South Benfleet, £205,000

A most attractive two double bedroom semi detached character bungalow situated in a popular South Benfleet location. The bungalow benefits from a large 78' approx rear garden and a 26' x 11' lounge/ diner. The price has been set realistically to allow for general decorative improvements. Ref etl5195



Marine Parade, Leigh £P.O.A.

Four bedroom plus two loft room family house with terrific Estuary views, great location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station. Double garage and parking. Further parking to the front, good size L' shape garden, spacious lounge, 22'8 x 13'3 Dining/ sitting room, 18'4 x 12'2 kitchen/ breakfast room, cloaks/w.c. EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY - EARLY VIEWING ADVISED. Ref etl5189



Requiring improvements, Large detached bungalow, Leigh £279,995

A fully detached character bungalow REQUIRING SOME IMPROVEMENTS and priced accordingly. The bungalow is situated in a very convenient location close to local shops and Belfairs woods and golf course. Two double bedrooms, spacious lounge, kitchen, bathroom /w.c. EARLY VIEWING IS ADVISED AS A QUICK SALE IS EXPECTED.



Close to Chalkwell Park £415,000

A large and most impressive detached character residence requiring some remedial works and offered for sale with no onward chain. Sought after location close to Chalkwell Park, Chalkwell Schools and within walking distance of Chalkwell Station. Large west backing plot with garden/ yard providing parking for many vehicles, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room, 26' x 23' lounge, 21' x 15'6 dining room, 21' x 12' kitchen, Ref etl 5185



FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE £539,950

Unique contemporary detached 4/5 bedroom house built just a few years ago for the builders own occupation. Situated in a sought after location within the Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. Four/ five bedrooms, two en suite's, superb top floor 2nd lounge/ fifth bedroom with balcony, open plan lounge and dining room, luxury kitchen / breakfast room, utility room. Ref etl5105



3 Double bedroom detached bungalow, Prittlewell £269,995

A very large three double bedroom family size detached bungalow situated in Prittlewell close to local amenities and Southend airport/ station, this truly exceptional property must be viewed, stunning 28' x 21'3 open plan living area and luxury kitchen, 21'3 x 13' lounge, 16'3 x 12' kitchen, three large double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, good size garden and parking.

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Prittlewell Square £650,000

Magnificent two bedroom townhouse. Three reception rooms. Superb kitchen/breakfast room. Master bedroom with balcony overlooking Prittlewell Square. Luxury bathroom. Ground floor cloakroom. Additional shower room. Double garage. Beautiful outlook. Many original features. Unique opportunity. **EPC: E**



Cliffdown Conservation Area £310,000

Top Floor two bedroom apartment. Stunning estuary views. Grade Two listed Victorian building. Quality refurbishment throughout. Balcony off lounge with superb estuary views. Quality kitchen & bathroom. Re-plastered throughout. New lighting. New carpets. Close proximity of Southend High Street, mainline train station and cliff top gardens. **EPC: E**



Boutique Hotel, Royal Terrace £799,995

A unique opportunity to purchase this beautiful Grade Two listed eight bedroom Boutique Hotel located in the heart of Southend's Conservation Area, and benefiting from panoramic estuary views. Features include elegant drawing room with original fireplace and full width balcony. All guest rooms bedrooms have en-suite facilities. Superb residents dining room. Staff facilities. The property has undergone extensive refurbishment incorporating a delightful blend of both original and contemporary features.



Westcliff Parade £219,995

Two bedroom second floor seafront apartment. Superb estuary views. Lounge 19' x 17'. Kitchen 13' x 8'. Majority double glazed. Gas fired heating. Communal gardens. Easy access to station and all local amenities including cliff top gardens and Westcliff seafront. No onward chain. **EPC: D**



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Southend on Sea O.I.E.O £100,000

Large one bedroom first floor flat. Entrance hall. Large lounge 16' x 15'. Modern fitted kitchen 11'6 x 9'3 with built-in oven & hob. Double bedroom 12'7 x 10'2 with built-in wardrobe. Bathroom/w.c with shower. uPVC double glazed. Gas central heating via radiators. Close proximity of Southend town centre. Ideally suited to the first time purchaser or those seeking an investment opportunity. **EPC: D**



Thundersley £235,000

Deceptively spacious and extremely well presented three bedroom semi-detached bungalow. Two reception rooms. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Off-street parking. Excellent decorative order throughout. 40' west backing garden. Work shed with power and lighting. Easy access to shops and local bus routes. Early viewing advised. **EPC: D**



Southend on Sea £65,000

One bedroom purpose built first floor retirement flat. Lounge 13' x 12. Kitchen 8' x 6'. Double glazed heating via electric wall mounted heaters. Lift. Communal facilities. Lift. Close to town centre and mainline railway station. No onward chain. **EPC: B**



Southend on Sea £75,950

One bedroom first floor flat located within close proximity of Southend Airport and the A127. Hall. Lounge with open plan kitchen. Double bedroom. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating (not tested). Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. **EPC: D**

LETTINGS



CLIFFDOWN PARADE - £550 pcm

Immaculate ground floor ONE double bedroom flat close to the Cliff Gardens, Seafront, Town Centre and mainline railway station. Lounge with bay window. Fitted Kitchen: Bedroom with wardrobes: Central Heating: Available early January: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



RUNWELL TERRACE - £650 pcm

Self contained ONE double bedroom garden flat in the heart of Cliffdown Conservation area close to Town Centre and Cliff Gardens. Own Entrance Door: Large Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Communal Garden: Permit Parking: Available: Available end February: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



LONDON ROAD - £490 pcm

Purpose built ground floor ONE double bedroom flat close to the Palace Theatre and all local amenities: Security Entry System: Lounge with doors to Lounge area: Modern Kitchen with oven & hob: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Available Early March: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 9UH: **EPC C**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



CLIFFDOWN PARADE - £950 pcm

TWO double bedroom top floor apartment with Panoramic Estuary views and located close to Southend Town Centre and all amenities: Security Entry System: Large Lounge: Modern Kitchen with appliances: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Available mid November: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



AILSA ROAD - £750 pcm

Newly decorated TWO double bedroom maisonette arranged over two floor close to Hamlet Court Road shops: Large Lounge/Diner with Balcony: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Roof Terrace: Central Heating: Two Parking Spaces: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC C**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



LEIGH PARK ROAD - £850 pcm

PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS: Newly decorated TWO double bedroom top floor apartment close to Leigh Station, Broadway and Seafront: Own Entrance Door: Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Private Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



REGENTS COURT - £795 pcm

Impressive THIRD floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Town Centre and all amenities. Large Lounge with quality fitted Kitchen with built in appliances: Master bedroom with en-suite shower room: Lift: Allocated Private Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



WATERSEDGE - £750 pcm

Top floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Hamlet Court Road shops and Westcliff mainline railway station. Security Entrance: Lounge with bay window and Estuary views: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS07RH: **EPC C**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



BEECHELL AVENUE - £625 pcm

Large TWO double bedroom first floor flat located close to London Road shops and Chalkwell Park: Lounge with stippled floors and feature bay window: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Central Heating: Garden: Available Now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 9JU: **EPC D**



EASTERN ESPLANADE - £700 pcm

TWO double bedroom seafront maisonette with SEA VIEWS located close to Southchurch Park and with easy access to Southend Town Centre, Own Entrance Door: Lounge with balcony and sea views: Fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 2YP: **EPC C**



GREAT WAKERING - £1,000 pcm

Large THREE bedroom family home overlooking and backing open farm land in a semi-rural position close to local amenities. Lounge: Dining room: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Two double. One single bedroom: Garden: Parking: Available 1st March: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC E**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



DENTON AVENUE - £900 pcm

THREE / FOUR bedroom semi-detached family home close to Southend airport, A127 and local amenities. Entrance Porch: Lounge overlooking Garden: Dining room/bedroom 4: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Garden: Parking: Available mid February: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC E**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult

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A RARE FIND! PACE are delighted to offer this FANTASTIC EXAMPLE of a three bedroom house located in Hullbridge. The property has been finished to a high spec with ample off-street parking to the front and a delightful rear garden. Keys Held for viewings. Employed Applicants Only. Available Now.

New Instruction



Shoeburyness

£495

- One Double Bedroom
- 1st Floor Conversion
- Neutrally Decorated
- Spacious Inside
- Close to Beach
- Close to Amenities
- Dss Considered
- Available 1st March

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea

£600

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Allocated Parking
- Close to Leigh Broadway
- Fantastic Condition
- Not to Be Missed
- Employed Applicants
- Available 24th Feb



Westcliff-On-Sea

£1,100

IMMACULATELY PRESENTED... PACE are delighted to offer this surprisingly spacious THREE BEDROOM semi-detached bungalow which has been REFURBISHED TO A HIGH SPEC. The property has bespoke fitted kitchen, two receptions, luxury bathroom and further w.c, plus GARAGE. Sought after SOMERSET ESTATE location. Employed Applicants Only. Available 13th Feb.

New Instruction



Shoeburyness

£650

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- 1st Floor Conversion
- Own Front Door
- Recently Decorated
- Modern Kitchen
- Close to Amenities
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Close to Town



Southend-On-Sea

£625

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- 1st Floor
- Private Courtyard Gdn
- Neutrally Decorated
- GCH and DG
- Central Southend
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction



Southend-On-Sea

£725

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Flat
- Access to Small Courtyard
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Interior
- Walk to C2C Line
- Employed Applicants
- Available 25th Feb

Not to be Missed



Southend-On-Sea

£850

- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Master with Ensuite
- Close to Seafront
- Fully Redecorated
- Allocated Parking
- Lovely Kitchen
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction



Southend-On-Sea

£865

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Spacious Receptions
- Private Rear Garden
- Recently Decorated
- Modern Kitchen
- Close to Town
- Employed Applicants
- Available 1st March

Beautiful!



Southend-On-Sea

£875

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- GHURCH CONVERSION
- Mid-Terraced House
- Private Garden
- Off-Street Parking
- Southchurch Village
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Lovely Example



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Leigh on Sea

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Hullbridge

£299,995



This well presented semi detached house offers four bedrooms, two reception rooms and groundfloor W.C. Property also benefits from a large rear garden and its own garage and off street parking to the front. Viewing recommended.

Leigh-On-Sea

£275,000



This semi detached house situated in a Cul de Sac position offers three bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom and conservatory. Property also benefits from its own garage and off street parking for several vehicles.

Leigh-On-Sea

£350,000



Situated on the sought after Belfairs Estate within close proximity to Belfairs Woods and Golf Course, this three bedroom detached BUNGALOW, benefits from a refitted luxury shower room and a modern fitted kitchen. The property sits on a corner plot with single garage situated to the rear.

Rayleigh

£310,000



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- * EPC- BAND D



THUNDERSLEY £369,995

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We'd say that there several points to make in addition to this very helpful guidance. Generally, you're not going to be able to claim for the full cost of replacing an item but merely a contribution towards its repair or replacement. Secondly, the type of tenant you have taken on makes a difference. So, if you've let the property to parents with kids or students, people with pets or smokers and that was recognized in the agreement, then you can't penalize tenants for behaving as anyone would reasonably expect them to.

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ALAN KIRKMAN is Director of Essex TEAM - part of the UK's largest branded network of independent estate agents, with 50 computer-linked offices across the county and 500 more nationwide. Managing Director of Tudor Estates in Southend, Alan has been an Estate Agent for over 25 years.

Q. Aren't all letting agents supposed to be displaying information about fees in their advertising?

A. The short answer is yes. However, like most short answers, it doesn't tell the whole story.

Let's start with the basics. Since the beginning of November, letting agents have been required to display their up-front, non-refundable charges to tenants on all advertising, both in print and online. This new requirement follows an Advertising Standards Authority ruling earlier last year, which highlighted the need for more transparent pricing across the lettings sector.

The guidance from the ASA says that compulsory fixed fees should be included with the quoted asking rent - for example, in the case of a fixed admin fee of £150 per tenant, ads should say something like: "£1500 pcm + £150 admin fee per tenant." In the case of compulsory fees which are calculated on a case by case basis (and which therefore cannot be quoted in advance), this should also be made clear in the advert.

All fairly straightforward, you might think. Yet at the same time, the ASA muddies its own waters by conceding that where space is limited, it's OK for agents simply to flag up the existence of additional fees with a prominent statement to that effect, and/or in the case of online ads, via a link.

Now, when it comes to advertising, who is to decide whether space is limited or not? After all, since advertisers only buy the space they actually need, it's always going to be "limited!" The net result of this confusion is that in the absence of any recognized industry standard, reputable letting agents have effectively been left to figure out their own way of complying with the rules. As a result, while some agents' adverts spell out full details of fees alongside the headline rental figure for each property, others simply state that fees may apply - with a click-through in the case of online ads to more detailed information.

Meanwhile, of course, some agents clearly aren't making any effort to comply at all. Fortunately, they're easy to spot - so hopefully, they will be the first to feel the wrath of the ASA and Trading Standards when they finally get around to enforcing the new regs!

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Drivetime

by Bruce Booth

BACK in 2009 Volkswagen certainly stepped things up a gear with the introduction of the new five-door Polo.

And 34 years down the road since the original Polo was launched, the supermini could still make more friends with every coming year. Even though it always lagged a bit behind its larger Golf stablemate in the sales stakes, the new chunkier Mark V Polo, which hit UK roads just in time for the autumn number plate change, quickly started to close the gap on its big brother.

First up, the Mark V has gained another couple of inches and ended up only 9in shorter than the Golf, making it more of a bargain buy than ever before. Yet even though it gained a little where it mattered, the Polo still came in far lighter than the model it replaced and, as a result, became more economical and environmental friendly.

The Polo initially came with the choice of three petrol and two diesel engines, all Euro 5 compliant. The petrol trio consist of a pair of 1.2-litre units producing 59 or 69bhp and a 1.4-litre good for 84-brake, while a pair of common-rail oilburners, offering 74 or 89bhp, completed the range.

It also came in four trim levels, including a Moda edition based on the mid-range SE aimed specifically at younger drivers.

I got to drive one of the very first models to arrive in the UK after it was shipped over from VW's modern plant in South Africa, and it certainly proved something of a cracker.

The overall quality of the car was top notch, living up to VW's exacting standards, while the ride was smoother and more precise than the car it replaced. To the front, you could immediately identify the family likeness to the Golf and new Scirocco mod-

TEST OF TIME: The Mark V Volkswagen Polo, 34 years after the model's launch



Polo's still mint

els with its flat, chrome-trimmed grille, body-coloured bumper and large air dam incorporating the front fog lamps.

Out on the road you couldn't fail to be impressed. Its low stance gave the car a sporty, purposeful look and coupled with its increased wheelbase and track, the combination helped glue the car to the road.

Even in windy conditions the little Polo

could show it was more than up to the business in hand, with little movement, even in strong side winds, while little road or tyre noise encroached into the cabin, making it perfect for a relaxed and pleasant drive.

Equipment wise the Polo lacked for little. From a safety aspect there was ABS with hydraulic brake assist and electronic stability programme, which included electronic differ-

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ential lock and traction control, while a full array of airbags helped keep occupants safe. Comfort features included MP3-compatible CD sound system, semi-automatic air con, electric/heated door mirrors with integrated indicators, split folding rear seat and Isofix child seat mountings.

The Polo has also come out tops in the price war. Going head-to-head with old favourites like the Vauxhall Corsa and Ford Fiesta, the starting price for the entry-level five-door S model saw off those rivals by a whopping £1,400.

Now the Polo supermini makes a great used buy with its proven reliability and reasonably-priced servicing and running costs.

There's very little wrong with the 1.2-litre 69bhp version with its 50mpg fuel economy and 103mph top speed. Price-wise, you should be looking at paying from around the £4,480 mark, up to £6,075 for a 2009 09-plate five-door machine in S trim with around 40,000 miles on the clock.

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BLUES PALE AS STAGS TRIUMPH

Southend United

Mansfield Town 2

Southend United 1

Brian Jeeves reporting from the One Call Stadium.

A JADED looking Southend United slumped to defeat at lowly Mansfield, losing ground on the Sky Bet League Two automatic promotion places in the process.

Shrimpers fans trekked to North Nottinghamshire in a confident mood. Southend had tasted league defeat only once since the Stags visited Roots Hall back at the start of November, and with Mansfield in a wretched run on their own patch, this was a game the travelling faithful believed Blues could take all three points.

However, cautious Southend boss Phil Brown was quick to point out that this would be a tough place to go, and so it proved. On what was a blustery afternoon, the Shrimpers produced a tired looking display against a Mansfield team who looked fresher and more determined.

First half chances came at a premium. Southend started brightly enough. Ben Coker picked out Lee Barnard following a tidy build up, but the Blues striker was wayward with his finish.

The players were battling manfully with the gusty conditions, but Mans-



SENT OFF: Connor Clifford

Photo by Dave Montier

field were clearly utilising the elements better. Indeed, it was the Stags who created the clearest of the early opportunities, when Daniel Bentley expertly palmed away Sam Clucas's volley.

At the other end, Barry Corr latched on to a Mark Phillips long ball forward, only for Martin Riley to knock the Irishman off his stride.

Blues fans screamed for a penalty but referee Simon Hooper was having none of it.

Mansfield started to dominate. The impressive Matt Rhead saw his crisp effort fielded by Bentley, then Lee Stevenson fired horribly over after Clucas had teed him up. But Mansfield now looked the more

likely, and just after the half hour mark they broke the deadlock.

Clucas was the quickest to react to a searching pass forward, and the Stags striker displayed a terrific first touch before dispatching a composed finish low beyond Bentley, much to the delight of the vocal home support.

Blues were clearly riled. Skipper John White was booked for a late tackle on goal scorer Clucas. But as half time approached it was Mansfield who still appeared the hungrier. Only Coker's intervention thwarted Clucas turning in a Chris Clements corner, then an unchallenged Ryan Tafazolli wasted a glorious chance, heading another corner kick over from close range.

Blues clearly had work to do, and started the second period positively. Barnard's fierce low drive was charged down, then the Southampton loanee shot wide following a training ground routine free kick, fashioned by Coker and Corr.

Despite Southend's dominance, they had done little to trouble Stags keeper Andy Marriott, and soon their carelessness in front of goal would cost them. James Jennings doubled Mansfield's advantage, lashing home from close range after Bentley had failed to hold Rhead's thumping header from a Clements corner.

Southend did respond to the setback. Connor Clifford's chip beat Marriott but came back off the bar, then both Freddy Eastwood and Clifford fired decent chances high over.

Southend's miserable afternoon took another turn for the worst when Rconnor Clifford was dismissed after appearing to lunge at Rhead.

But to their credit, Southend didn't throw in the towel. Firstly, Corr struck the upright with Marriott fully extended, then deep into stoppage time, Ryan Leonard halved the deficit when his low drive from distance found the bottom corner of the net.

Nevertheless, the goal was too little too late, Mansfield thoroughly deserved their victory. Blues had looked weary for long spells of the game, and showed signs of a soft underbelly that troubles them against teams of a more physical nature.

Afterwards, Blues boss Phil Brown said: "We lost that game today because we weren't good enough to get anything from it and that's very disappointing."

Southend United will look to bounce back on Saturday, when Exeter City visit Roots Hall for a Sky Bet League Two clash (kick-off 3pm)

Mansfield Town: Marriott, Riley, Dempster, Tafazolli, Westlake, Clements, Stevenson, Howell, Jennings, Clucas, Rhead. Subs not used: Sutton, Dyer, Hutchinson, Meikle, McGuire, Daniel, Palmer

Southend United: Bentley, White (Eastwood 63), Thompson, Phillips, Coker, Atkinson, Timlin (Clifford 63), Leonard, Hurst (Laird 83), Corr, Barnard. Subs not used: Smith, Straker, Payne, Gomis

Football

Vital point for Gulls

Non-league round-up
by Brian Jeeves

CANVEY Island produced a terrific Ryman Premier Division performance at title chasing Maidstone United. In front of a bumper crowd of 1,794, the Gulls took a shock lead just after the break thanks to Jay Curran.

The Stones levelled the score late on through a Frannie Collin penalty, and despite Canvey's Michael Alaile receiving his marching orders soon after, the visitors held firm for a valuable point.

Brentwood Town picked up a point from their trip to Cheshunt. An enthusiastic crowd of 130 watched the teams play out a goalless draw.

Once again, the entire Essex Senior League programme was wiped out due to the inclement weather, leaving the spotlight on the Essex Olympian League.

Pick of the action was in Senior Division One where Leigh Ramblers dispatched Herongate Athletic by seven goals to one. Dave Birnie (2), Luke Read (2), Max Corrigan, Jamie Selby-Knight and Moritz Uphoff found the net for the rampant Rams.

Elsewhere in Division One, Old Southendians grabbed a 1-1 draw at Canning Town, while in Senior Division Two goals from Tommy Barton (2) Marcus Bowers and Reece Conway couldn't prevent Basildon Town from a 5-4 defeat to Debden Sports.

Hockey

Ladies taste defeat again

Brentwood 0 - 1 Southend

FEBRUARY continued to be a difficult month for Brentwood Ladies 1st XI as they again tasted defeat on Saturday, this time at the hands of local rivals Southend.

Right from the off Southend pressed high setting out their intentions to not give the home team any space or time on the ball and the opening period of the game was a cagey affair as a result.

Brentwood remained patient and gradually began to take control of the ball looking good in possession. However, despite chances, their possession did not then convert to goals and the scoreline was 0-0 at half time.

Feeling positive after the half time team talk Brentwood started the stronger and applied good pressure winning several short corners but the Southend goalkeeper and defence were up to the task and Brentwood couldn't find the net.

Pushing high Brentwood were caught on the break and Southend won a short corner of their own which they converted to take the lead late on in the game.

Although the home team worked hard for the equaliser it was too little too late and Brentwood were left to rue their missed chances as Southend took all three points.

The run of tough games continues this Saturday with an away game at third place Waltham Forest.

Narrowest of defeats for Southend

Rugby

Clifton 19 Southend 18

AFTER nearly a week of discussions, and a marked reluctance by the hosts to make a decision, Southend set off late for Bristol on Saturday morning.

The pitch was finally given the go-ahead at breakfast time, but turned out to be in much better condition than the one in Edinburgh for the international that same afternoon!

A very strong cross wind, and a sharp shower not long before the start, made conditions tricky, but nothing worse than those to which they have become accustomed!!

Things were fairly even initially, before the visitors started to exert some pressure. Then, attacking near the home 22m line, a long Southend pass was seen early by Clifton centre Meakes, who made the interception and had both the time and pace to go all the way for a try.

The straightforward conversion put the west country side into a 7-0 lead after eight minutes.

Although the set pieces were fairly secure for both outfits, some telling tactical kicking from young fly-half Brad Burr, using the wind intelligently, enabled Southend to keep the pressure on Clifton.

Keeping the ball in hand this time,

Burr made a good break after 13 minutes and, following some swift passing, the visitors advanced to the goal line and Adam Ferrier, now playing in the back row, crossed for a deserved score.

The conversion attempt from wide out narrowly missed the target so 7-5.

After 24 minutes, some more pressure forced the men in fetching purple and black to concede a penalty 20m out and just to the right of the posts.

Burr had no difficulty putting his team in front for the first time, 7-8.

Five minutes later, centre Sam Nash fielded a clearance inside his 10m line and, faced by a number of home forwards, set off to his right. Eventually, clear of the big guys, the New Zealander straightened to cross half way and then the opposition 10m line before being caught deep into enemy territory.

Clifton had a chance, just on half-time, to retake the lead but a penalty, 30m out for off-side, went wide so Southend finished the half with the narrowest lead.

The second half started well for Southend when their kick-off was not effectively dealt with by Clifton.

They did have a line-out, but within their 22. The ball was won but some determined play by the visitors created a penalty in front of the posts.

Burr again obliged to take the score

to 7-11. The men in brown and white continued in confident vein.

15 minutes later a ruck, far out and well inside their 10m line, yielded a quick ball which new scrum half Simon Pierce, just on for Harry Branch, fed blind-side. Full back Mark Billings took the ball at pace and galloped nearly 75m to the line.

Burr's kick from the touchline was exquisite, making the score 7-18 with nearly an hour gone.

Southend still looked set to end Clifton's unbeaten home record. Other than the interception try, Clifton really hadn't threatened the visitors' line. However, on 69 minutes Burr was yellow carded for a perceived technical offence when his team was under real pressure for the first time.

Very soon after, Clifton managed to get over the line and the successful conversion (14-18) meant a frantic finish.

With just a minute remaining, Billings was given his marching orders too, bringing Southend down to 13 men - even though Burr should have been allowed back on!

With the numbers now really counting, substitute wing Massey crossed with the last move of the game, to make the visitors' long journey home even longer.

So, four defeats in a row now for Southend, who are now ninth.

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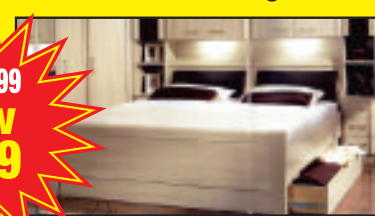
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